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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of November 13, 2003, the time for responding thereto being extended for three months in accordance with a Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 13, after the last line, please insert the following paragraph:

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Lyngbya aesturarii SM-1 was deposited with ATCC on August 19, 2002 under Patent Deposit Designation PTA-4602, and Consortium of Lyngbya sp., Oscillatoria sp., Anabaena sp., Spirulina sp., and Synechocystis sp. was deposited with ATCC on August 19, 2002 under Patent Deposit Designation PTA-4603.

In the Claims:

Kindly cancel claims 1-20 presently in the application without prejudice.

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